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Letter dated 6 April 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting drafting proposals on the revised draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.192/L.4/Rev.1)

I have the honour to enclose herewith Israel's amendments to the proposal on the revised draft Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/L.4/Rev.1) (see annex).

I should like to request that this document be circulated as a document of the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

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Annex

Amendments presented by Israel to the Chairman's draft (A/CONF.192/L.4/Rev.1)

Preamble

Paragraph 6

End this paragraph in line 2, after the words "Charter of the United Nations". The rest of the paragraph, as well as **paragraphs 7 and 8**, should be deleted.

Paragraph 9

(a) After the word "import", insert the words "transfer, export".

(b) Replace the words "at levels consistent with its legitimate" with the word "for".

(c) The paragraph would thus read as follows: "*Reaffirming also* the right of each State to import, export, and produce and retain small arms and light weapons for self-defence and security needs."

Part II

Paragraph 1

After the word "undertake", insert the words "as a political commitment".

Paragraph 11

In line 2, after the word "imported", insert the phrase "in accordance with relevant agreements between States".

Paragraph 13

The paragraph should be rephrased as follows: "To prevent the supply of small arms and light weapons to terrorist groups and organized crime. To that end, supply small arms and light weapons only to Governments, or to entities authorized to procure arms by their Government."

Paragraph 17

In line 4, replace the word "normally" with the word "including".

Paragraph 18

(a) In lines 1 and 2, replace the phrase "using internationally accepted and effective procedures" with the words "using effective procedures".

(b) In line 3, replace the existing sentence with the following: "States alone decide, on the basis of their national security needs, which weapons are designated surplus. States that decide to export or transfer any surplus small arms and light weapons which are not designated for destruction should follow the same stringent export control and authorization procedures that are followed for the export of fresh

small arms and light weapons production from their territory." (based on the report of the groups of Governmental experts, A/CONF.192/PC/33, para. 55)

Paragraph 22

In line 2, replace the words "in accordance with their nation practices," with the words "subject to national practices and discretion".

Paragraph 26

End this paragraph in line 4 after the words "in all its aspects". The rest of the sentence should be deleted.

Paragraph 35

The paragraph should be rephrased as follows: "To develop international arrangements for the timely and reliable tracing of illicit lines of supply of small arms and light weapons by relevant national authorities."

Part III

Paragraph 11

In line 2, after the words "legally binding instruments and" insert the words "where appropriate".

Paragraph 16

In line 4, after the words "within available resources", insert the words "and subject to agreement by the relevant authorities".

Part IV

Paragraph 1 (c)

In line 3, insert the word "illicit" before the words "lines of supply."